



Report on Panel Discussion

“Democratization of AI and Intellectual Property Related Regulations”

(Pre-Event of India AI Impact Summit 2026 to be held in New Delhi 16-20 Feb)

Date & Time: 11 February 2026, 2:30 PM – 4:15 PM IST

Organised by: Innovation Club, ICFAI Law School, in collaboration with IIEC

I. Introduction:

The Panel Discussion on “Democratization of AI and Intellectual Property Related Regulations,” organized on 11 February 2026 at ICFAI Law School, ICFAI University Jaipur, as a pre-event to the India AI Impact Summit 2026, brought together distinguished experts from AI governance, ethics, investment strategy, and intellectual property law. The session commenced with a warm Welcome Address delivered by Dr. Harish Kumar Verma, Dean, ICFAI Law School, who highlighted the growing relevance of artificial intelligence in legal and policy discourse and emphasized the importance of academic platforms that encourage informed dialogue on emerging technologies.

The Pre-Summit on AI India is envisioned as a high-impact academic platform to introduce law students to the rapidly evolving intersection of Artificial Intelligence, Intellectual Property Rights, and regulatory governance. With AI increasingly influencing innovation, creativity, governance, and access to technology, the need to democratize AI while ensuring robust IP protection and accountability has become central to contemporary legal discourse. This panel discussion prepared future legal professionals to understand, question, and contribute meaningfully to AI-driven regulatory frameworks at national and global levels. The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Tanmay Agrawal, Coordinator Innovation Club to steer timely discussion on contemporary topics. The event explored the expanding influence of artificial intelligence across sectors and the corresponding need for inclusive access, ethical safeguards, and adaptive legal frameworks. It provided students and faculty with a comprehensive understanding of how technological innovation and regulatory systems must evolve together to ensure responsible and sustainable AI development.

II. Panel Talks Proceedings:

A. Democratization of AI

The first panel focused on the democratization of AI and featured Ms. Deborah Webster and Mr. Ademulegun Blessing James, moderated by Dr. Tanmay Agrawal. The discussion examined how AI technologies can be made accessible, inclusive, and equitable across diverse socio-economic and geographic contexts. The panelists emphasized that democratization goes beyond access to tools; it includes transparency, accountability, fairness, and human-centered design. They highlighted the importance of integrating ethical considerations at the



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development stage of AI systems to prevent bias, discrimination, and systemic inequalities. Drawing upon global regulatory frameworks such as the EU AI Act, OECD AI Principles, UNESCO AI Ethics Recommendations, and other emerging governance models, the speakers stressed the need for harmonized and cooperative international regulation. The role of responsible investment was also discussed, emphasizing that principled capital and transparent governance structures are essential to building AI systems that are trusted by design and aligned with long-term societal interests.

B. Intellectual Property Issues of AI

The second panel addressed the intellectual property implications of AI-driven innovation and featured Mr. Ramakrishna Damodharan and Mr. Alvin Antony. The discussion centered on the legal complexities arising from AI-generated inventions and creative works. The panelists examined challenges related to inventorship, authorship, ownership, and accountability under existing patent and copyright frameworks. They noted that traditional IP laws remain largely human-centric, creating interpretational challenges when AI systems autonomously generate innovative outputs. Cross-border regulatory differences and compliance obligations were also highlighted, particularly in relation to data protection, cybersecurity, and sector-specific governance standards. The speakers emphasized that IP protection in the AI era must intersect with broader regulatory mechanisms, including documentation of training data, due diligence practices, and governance audits, to ensure lawful and ethical AI deployment.

The panel discussions collectively underscored several critical insights. First, democratization and regulation are not opposing forces but complementary pillars of sustainable AI growth. Inclusive access must be accompanied by ethical design, bias mitigation, and accountability mechanisms. Second, global cooperation and regulatory convergence are increasingly necessary as AI innovation transcends national boundaries. Third, intellectual property frameworks require reinterpretation and potential reform to address the realities of AI-generated outputs while preserving incentives for innovation. Fourth, responsible investment, governance audits, and compliance standards play a pivotal role in shaping trustworthy AI ecosystems. Finally, interdisciplinary expertise combining law, technology, ethics, and policy is essential for navigating the rapidly evolving AI landscape.

III. Outcomes

The panel discussion successfully enabled students to:

- Understand the concept and importance of democratizing AI.
- Identify key IP challenges arising from AI-generated innovation.
- Appreciate global and Indian perspectives on AI regulation and governance.
- Recognize emerging career pathways in AI law, AI governance, and IP practice.
- Develop informed view of technological advancement with legal safeguards



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IV Conclusion

The panel discussion on “Democratization of AI and Intellectual Property Related Regulations” successfully brought together diverse perspectives on the ethical, regulatory, and legal dimensions of artificial intelligence in a rapidly transforming global landscape. The deliberations clearly established that the future of AI depends not only on technological advancement but also on inclusive access, principled governance, and adaptive intellectual property frameworks capable of responding to AI-driven innovation. By integrating discussions on democratization, global regulatory standards, inventorship challenges, compliance mechanisms, and responsible investment, the session provided participants with a holistic understanding of the evolving AI ecosystem. The interactive and thought-provoking exchange, ably moderated by Dr. Tanmay Agarwal, ensured a balanced and engaging dialogue throughout both panel sessions. The event concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Vinay Khandelwal, who expressed gratitude to the distinguished panellists, the moderator, the organizing team, and all participants for contributing to the success of this insightful academic engagement.

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ALVIN ANTONY (Co-host)

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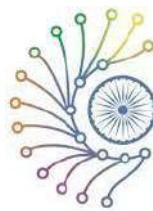


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A screenshot of a Zoom video conference titled "DEMOCRATIZATION OF AI AND IP RELATED REGULATIONS". The conference is moderated by ICAI and organized by Dr. H.P. Singh, VSM. The participants are Adeleke, Blessing, Poorvi Sharma, Param Jain, kartik tiwari, Kumari Vijaya, Shivam Sharma, Tahmay Agrawal, Dr. H.P. Singh, VSM, Gunjan Trivedi, Ramakrishna Damodharan, and Alvin Antony. The interface shows various controls like audio, video, participants, and AI Companion.

A screenshot of a Zoom video conference. The title bar at the top reads 'zoom Workplace'. The video grid shows four speakers in the top row: Poorvi Sharma (purple floral icon), Param Jain (purple square icon with 'P'), Alvin Antony (purple square icon), Ramkrishna Damodhar (purple square icon), Dr H S Singh, VSM (purple square icon), and Kuman Vijaya (orange square icon with 'K'). The bottom row shows three speakers in green boxes: Deborah Webster (woman with glasses, purple background), Tanmay Agrawal (man with glasses and a beret, purple background), and Aderemilugun Blessing James (man with glasses, grey background). The conference title 'DEMOCRATIZATION OF AI AND IP RELATED REGULATIONS' is displayed above the speakers. The bottom navigation bar includes icons for Audio, Video, Participants (109), Chat, React, Share, Host tools, AI Companion, Apps, Pause/stop recording, More, and Leave. The system tray at the bottom shows various application icons and the date '13-02-2026'.



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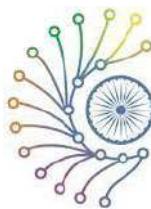
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The screenshot shows a Zoom video conference interface. At the top, there are five participant thumbnails: Gurjan Trivedi, kartik tiwari, vishbendra singh, Pratham Avasthi, and Tanmay Agrawal (host). The main video area displays four participants in a 2x2 grid. The top-left participant is Tanmay Agrawal, a man with a beard and glasses. The top-right participant is Ramakrishna Damodharan, a man with a beard and glasses. The bottom-left participant is Alvin Antony, a man with a beard and glasses. The bottom-right participant is Dr H P Singh, VSM, a man in a suit. The video title 'DEMOCRATIZATION OF AI AND IP RELATED REGULATIONS' is visible in the top-left corner of the video area. The bottom navigation bar includes buttons for Audio, Video, Participants (78), Chat, React, Pause/stop recording, More, and Leave. The Participants tab shows a list of 78 participants with their names and profile icons. A search bar at the bottom left says 'Search' and a date/time stamp at the bottom right says '11-02-2026 11:50 AM'.

A screenshot of a Zoom video conference. The title bar at the top reads 'zoom Workplace'. The main video frame shows three speakers: Taimayz Agrawal on the left, Ramakrishna Damodharan in the center, and Alvin Antony on the right. The background for all three speakers is a purple and white graphic with the text 'DEMOCRATIZATION OF AI AND IP RELATED REGULATIONS' and the 'ICFAI FOUNDATION' logo. The bottom of the screen shows the Zoom control bar with options like Audio, Video, Participants (57), Chat, React, Share, Host tools, AI Companion, Apps, Pause/stop recording, More, and Leave. There are also icons for microphone, video, and other communication features.



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